



*We welcome you to Bethesda Episcopal Church. We are pleased that you are joining us for worship this morning and ask that you adhere to the guidelines below.*

### **Guidelines for Attending Church**

#### **Entry**

Do not enter if you are ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill.  
A mask is required at all times.  
An usher will sanitize your hands upon entry.  
We require your name and contact information.  
Sorry, no bathrooms available.

#### **Offering**

Collection plates are at the rear of the church; thanks for dropping your envelope there!

#### **Bulletins**

Are in the pews.

#### **Seating**

8 am – sit in pews with **blue** tape.  
10 am – sit in pews with **purple** tape.

#### **Peace**

6' apart - No touching – bow, sign, wave.

#### **Communion**

Please follow ushers' instructions.  
Begins with people at the rear of the church. Distinct households remain 6' apart.  
An usher will sanitize your hands as you leave your pew.  
Only host will be distributed (sorry no wine).  
For communion, hold out your hands.  
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.  
Return to your seat via the side aisle on the left (the Gospel side).

#### **Leaving**

Wait until the usher signals that it's your turn to leave.  
Place your bulletin in the wastebasket or take it home to recycle.

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**19 July 2020**  
**10:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

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*Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.*

**Prelude**

Supplication

Joseph Roff (1910-1993)

**The Entrance Rite**

**The Opening Acclamation**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Gloria In Excelsis**

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of The Day**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Liturgy of The Word**

#### **The First Lesson**

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

*The Lector concludes*        The Word of the Lord.  
*The People respond*        Thanks be to God.

#### **Gradual**

*Said by all*

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.  
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.  
For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.  
The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.  
But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.  
Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

## **The Second Lesson**

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*The Lector concludes*  
*The People respond*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The people stand, if able.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Father Scott

**The Nicene Creed**                    *Said by all, standing if you are able.*

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God;  
    begotten, not made;  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
    came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried:  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,  
    who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
    who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of The People**

*Please kneel, if you are able.*

*Lector* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for William our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant offers a concluding collect*

*The people respond* Amen.

*Celebrant and People*

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the door of mercy through which we pass day by day, bless this parish and its leaders as we expand to become a compassionate community among our neighbors. May the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and the work of our hands enable Mercy House to be a home where those in need may live together in the bond of peace and love; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Confession**

*The Celebrant introduces the Confession*

*The People say:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy name. Amen.

## **The Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And with thy spirit.

**The Liturgy of The Eucharist**

**At The Offertory**

Interlude

Joseph Roff (1910-1993)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Celebrant*  
*People*  
*Celebrant*  
*People*  
*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up unto the Lord.  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface Of The Lord's Day Of God the Son**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

**Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit**

*Said by all, standing if you are able.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Please kneel, if you are able.*

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,



thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of The Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Agnus Dei** *Said by all, kneeling, if you are able.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world grant us thy peace.

**Prayer of Humble Access** *Said by all, kneeling if you are able.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

**At The Communion**

Meditation

Joseph Roff (1910-1993)

## **The Concluding Rite**

**The Post Communion Prayer** *Said by all, kneeling if you are able.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.  
***Amen.***

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*         Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as the celebrant departs, if you are able.*

**Voluntary**

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

**NOTICES**

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Gary Houde by Pam Houde.

We welcome all visitors to Bethesda. Please identify yourself to the clergy.

Large print copies of the service leaflet are available. An usher would be happy to assist you.

A wheelchair, located near the handicap lift in the vestibule, is available to those who require it.

In our Intercessions for the Church today, we pray for

Anglican Communion	Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Diocese of Albany	St. Andrew's, Scotia
Our Parish	The Vestry

If you would like to make an offering of flowers or Eucharistic Elements, please contact the Parish Office by phone (584-5980) or email [barbara@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:barbara@bethesdachurch.org). Your gift is appreciated by all.

We welcome Father John Scott, Albany Hospital Chaplain, to serve as our Celebrant and Preacher again this week. He will be with us for one more Sunday after which Father Wallace will officially begin his ministry at Bethesda. .

**EOC Collection.** Thank you to all those who have already donated items. We are continuing to collect canned fruits and canned vegetables, as well as an assortment of personal items (soap,

shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, and baby wipes) between 8 am and 11:30 am on Sundays (i.e., before and after church services). We will be delivering the donations to the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) for distribution to those who need them in our community, and we will continue this collection drive during the pandemic. Thanks again for your generosity.

**Emails.** We stay in touch and communicate key parish news by email, particularly during this pandemic. If you would like to receive our emails, please sign up on our website [bethesdachurch.org](https://bethesdachurch.org) or call the office (518) 584- 5980. If you have signed up but are not seeing an email from Bethesda Episcopal Church at least once a week, please let the office know and you will be contacted to correct the problem. If you do not use email and would like to receive communications by US mail, please let the office know.

**Sunday Videos** with Father Moore continue with guest appearances by the wardens and two choir members. They cover today and next Sunday. The videos continue to be available on our website <https://bethesdachurch.org/> , on Facebook [www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch](http://www.facebook.com/bethesdaepiscopalchurch) , and on Look TV.

**Offerings.** You may mail your Offerings to the Church office at 96 Ballston Avenue, Saratoga Springs NY 12866. or by using PayPal. You can make your gift to Bethesda by going to <https://www.paypal.com/us/home> and choosing [bethesdaepiscopalchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bethesdaepiscopalchurch@gmail.com) as the payee. You may also use your credit card. There is a link on the Bethesda website, [bethesdachurch.org](https://bethesdachurch.org) on the right hand side about halfway down. We appreciate your generosity.

**Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour.** Now that Sunday services have resumed, we are going to stop holding virtual coffee hours on Sundays - 12:30 is not convenient for most people, particularly in the summer, and an earlier time would conflict with services. Therefore we are looking for a better day of the week and time to hold a virtual fellowship session on Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to [gather@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:gather@bethesdachurch.org) and let us know what is a convenient time for you. Once we find a new day and time, we will send an email to the parish list. That email will contain instructions on how to request the Zoom link. Unfortunately, we cannot post the Zoom link on our website or social media given the well-publicized issues with 'open' meetings, so you need to request a link. If you have never used Zoom and would like help setting it up, please put that request in your note.

**Amazon Smile Helps.** If you are shopping online remember to use AMAZONSMILE and designate Bethesda Episcopal Church as the charity to which you want Amazon to donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364477> .

**Staying in Touch.** Our Parish Administrative Assistant, Barbara Latzko, is working from home and is available for calls (518-584-5980) and emails ([office@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:office@bethesdachurch.org)) from 9am until 2pm Monday and Thursday; 9am until 3pm Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9am until 12:30pm on Friday. You can also email the wardens (Darren Miller and Kate Berheide) at [wardens@bethesdachurch.org](mailto:wardens@bethesdachurch.org) with questions or concerns.



## **The Parish Vestry**

### Churchwardens

*Class of 2020*  
Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

*Class of 2021*  
Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

### Vestry

*Class of 2020*  
Ann Bullock, *Clerk*  
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John Van der Veer  
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## **The Parish Staff**

The Reverend Paul F. Evans, *Assisting Priest*  
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, *Parish Administrative Assistant*  
Mr. Farrell Goehring, *Organist/Director of Music*  
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*  
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

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